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For: **PROTEIN KINASE C EPSILON AS
A MODULATOR OF ANXIETY,
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, AND SELF-
ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS OF
ABUSE**

Examiner: Shukla, R.

Art Unit: 1632

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 56-80 are pending in the application.

Election/Restriction.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring Applicants to elect one of the following claim groups for prosecution in the present application:

I. Claims 56-59 and 64-80, "drawn to a method of screening for an agent that modulates anxiety wherein the agent binding to the PKC-epsilon and wherein the method is carried out in vitro or in vivo;" and

II. Claims 60-63, "drawn to a method of screening for an agent that modulates anxiety where the agent binds PKC-epsilon binding partner."

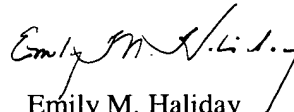
Office Action, page 2. Applicants hereby elect Claim Group I for prosecution in the present application. Accordingly, examination of claims 56-59 and 64-80 on the merits is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants have requested an Examiner Interview to discuss the issues outstanding at the close of prosecution in the parent applicant and the newly filed claims. This request was made in the Preliminary Amendment filed March 27, 2002 and in a telephone message left for the Examiner on July 22, 2002. Specifically, Applicants' Attorney wishes to schedule an in-person interview during the week of August 19, 2002, if possible. If this request has not been addressed when the Examiner considers this paper, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (510) 769-3509.

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